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Group Art Unit: 3627 Applicant: MCCOY Application Serial No.: 09/731,008 Examiner: Andrew J. Rudy **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE** to Filing Date: December 7, 2000 October 19, 2004 Final Office Action METHOD AND PRODUCT FOR For: Attorney Docket No.: G04.004 CALCULATING A NET OPERATING INCOME AUDIT AND Buckley, Maschoff & Talwalkar LLC FOR ENABLING Five Elm Street SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL New Canaan, CT 06840 **AUDIT PRACTICES AMONG A** PLURALITY OF AUDIT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.